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SUBJECT: MOOSE-LOWENSTEIN REPORT

1. ALMOST ONE PAGE OF MOOSE-LOWENSTEIN REPORT IS DEVOTED TO STORY THAT EMBASSY PROVIDED ESTIMATE THAT SOME FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND US PERSONNEL IN THAILAND WERE NOT RELATED TO CONDUCT OF WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT IDENTIFY PERSONS INVOLVED BEYOND MAAG. MOOSE AND LOWENSTEIN SHOWED US CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM ON THIS SUBJECT PROVIDED BY EMBASSY.

2. WE BELIEVE ESTIMATE OF FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND WAY TOO HIGH AND WANT TO TONE DOWN INFERENCE NOT ONLY IN REPORT BUT IN MINDS OF STAFFERS THAT THERE IS SOME MYSTERIOUS AND SINISTER OPERATION GOING ON IN THAILAND. AS FAR AS PUBLISHED REPORT IS CONCERNED, WE WANT TO WORK TOWARD A STATEMENT LIKE THIS: "MOST OF THE US MILITARY IN THAILAND ARE CONCERNED WITH THE CONDUCT OF HOSTILITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, EXCEPT PERSONNEL SUCH AS MAAG. CONVERSELY, MOST OFFICIAL US CIVILIANS ARE IN THAILAND BECAUSE OF MATTERS NOT PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH HOSTILITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. (DELETED)"

3. WE CAN PROBABLY SELL THIS TO STAFFERS, AND CLEAR UP SUSPICION IN THEIR MINDS ONLY IF WE ARE ABLE TO EXPLAIN AWAY FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND FIGURE. PLEASE SPEEDILY PROVIDE SOME ROUGH INDICATION AS TO HOW THIS QUALIFIED ROUGH

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